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PATENT APPLICATION

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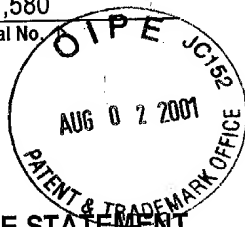
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## FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

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- For B & C  
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**Separate** Paper  
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Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	**minus 20	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	***minus 3	0	x \$80/\$40 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) .....	add		+ \$270/\$135 =	+ \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE				
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached (Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos) (Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)	(1 mo) (2 mos) (3 mos)	\$110/\$55 = \$390/\$195 = \$890/\$445 = \$1390/\$695= \$1890/\$945=	+ \$0		115/215 116/216 117/217 118/218 128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract		- \$0			
8. Extension Fee Attached				+ \$0	
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), ..... add			+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request ..... add			+ \$180	+ \$0	126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....			+ \$710/355	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....			x \$710/355 ea	+ \$0	149/249
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15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =				\$0	

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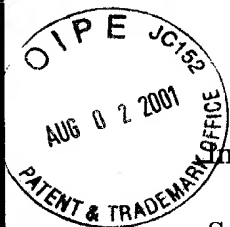
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Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents and an International Search Report dated May 29, 2001 citing the enclosed documents. See the degree of relevancy and the particular passages cited for each document in the Search Report.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e) or fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p) is required.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to fully comply.

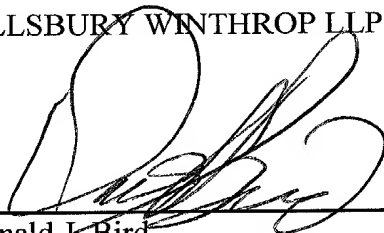
Should a first Action on the merits have been issued on the same day as or before this IDS is filed, please accept this IDS under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account under Order No. 009901/0276522 and proceed to consider this IDS.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith filed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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